

FIND BRIDGES VERY INSECURE

Members of Corporation Commission Much Displeased at Conditions Around Norfolk.

ORDER REPAIRS AT ONCE

In Several Instances Commission Said to Have Issued Imperative Instructions.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—An inspection of the railroad bridges and viaducts in the vicinity of Norfolk and Portsmouth, recently made by Judges Camp and Johnston, Joseph E. Willard, of the State Corporation Commission, and Eugene Myers, reveals the fact that many of the bridges are insecure, and the managers of the railroads have been severely censured for permitting the bridges to get in that condition.

The report is now on file in the office of the Corporation Commission in Richmond and a copy of it has been mailed to the Norfolk and Southern, the Bay Shore Terminal Company, now in the hands of receivers, and the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction. Repairs to the bridges have been ordered to be made at once.

At least two of the bridges on the line of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company were found to be in a very dangerous condition and have been ordered to be closed and repaired at once.

One of these bridges crosses Cape Creek, of the Lambert's Point Division of the road, and the other crosses Old Creek, on the line leading to Chesapeake Heights beyond Brantwood.

Many other bridges have been found to be in a dangerous condition and have been ordered to be repaired to meet the requirements of the law.

The commissioners were not at all pleased with the condition of the Traction Company's bridges, which are also used by the Chesapeake and Potomac Traction Company, and it will have to be considerably improved and strengthened.

An inspection of the bridges was made by the commissioners on December 21st.

It is so stated, Captain McCarrick is said to have reported the condition of the railroad company.

PRIEST ILL AT MASS.

Rev. Father Cutler Stricken While Holding Service.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALYANFOTIA, VA., December 24.—Rev. Father Cutler, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, who was taken ill yesterday morning while celebrating Mass, is now in a somewhat improved condition. Father Cutler has been assisted from the altar. Rev. Father Cutler has just returned from a six months' European trip, and it was thought that his health was fully restored.

The Southern Methodist of this city have planned for the erection of a building, adjoining its church, to cost \$10,000. Rev. Charles D. India, pastor, stated that the sum of \$5,000 has already been raised. The building will be erected on lines similar to that of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Miss Grace Anderson, of this city, will assist Governor Spangher in his receiving on New Year's Day.

THE ALBANA RAMMED.

Big Hole in Her Side, But She Is Gotten to Port.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—A rammed by a lighter lashed to the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Pier, while lying at Lambert's Point, the British steamship Albana is now in dry dock at Newport News, with a hole seven feet wide, six feet high, and sixteen of the plates bent.

The Albana is one of the Chesapeake and Ohio freighters, and was loaded with cattle and other cargo for Liverpool. The vessel would have probably gone down had not the cable been thrown to the opposite side of the ship when the lighter struck, causing the ship to take on a list which raised the hole above the water line. The cargo was so manipulated as to keep the hole out of the water, and the ship was hurried over to the dry dock.

NORFOLK CELEBRATES AS NEVER BEFORE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—This city to-night went through the greatest Christmas celebration in its history. Throughs on the streets were unprecedented in Christmas Eve, and never before has such an effort been made to see that no stocking of the poor goes empty. The weather is very cold for this latitude.

A Woman's Back

Has many aches and pains caused by weakness and falling, or other displacement, of the pelvic organs. Other symptoms of female weakness are frequent headaches, dizziness, imaginary specks or dark spots floating before the eyes, gnawing sensation in stomach, dragging or bearing down in lower abdominal or pelvic region, disagreeable drains from pelvic organs, faint spells with general weakness. If any considerable number of the above symptoms are present there is no remedy that will give quicker relief or a more permanent cure than Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It has a record of over forty years of cures. It is the most potent invigorating tonic and strengthening agent known to medical science. It is made of the glyceric extract of native medicinal roots found in our forests and contains not a drop of alcohol or harmful, or habit-forming drugs. Its ingredients are all printed on the bottle wrapper and attested under oath as correct.

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THE JUG TRADE HAS BEEN LARGE

Temperance People May Ask Legislatures to Protect the "Dry" Districts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., December 24.—Along with an unusually large Christmas business, Bristol had a big whiskey trade for the day preceding Christmas. Because of the Adams law in Tennessee and the Mann law in Virginia, which have done away with the saloons in many small towns and in the rural regions, the liquor men have had an enormous jug trade, and every express train going out of the city has been loaded with jugs. The trade amounted to many thousands of dollars and was shared among twenty-five local dealers.

This situation has aroused the temperance people, and it is understood that they will ask the next Legislature in each of the two States to enact laws to protect the "dry" districts from the jug trade.

UNLOADED GUN KILLS BOY IN POWHATAN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALLSVILLE, VA., December 24.—Two colored boys, Robert and Richard Daniel, were playing with an unloaded gun, as they thought, Saturday. The gun was in the hands of Robert, the younger, and he fired it, killing Richard, just below the left chest, killing him instantly. The magistrate held an inquest Sunday and decided that the boy came to his death at the hands of his younger brother by accidental discharge of the gun.

This happened on the farm of D. A. Brown, and these boys were in his employ. This farm joins that of "Sumner" where just such an accident happened several years ago, which caused the death of a Miss Allen, from a gunshot wound at the hands of a young brother.

FIRE AT SCOTIA.

Strenuous Fighting Saves Building—Withdraws Suit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—Fire to-day broke out at "Scotia," the Assembly House and School for Boys, and for strenuous work it was extinguished. Loss covered by insurance.

The suit of Mrs. Julia A. Henderson in the Corporation Court here against the Royal Arcanum for insurance on the life of her son, H. H. Henderson, who was killed in Chicago, has been withdrawn, the organization paying the amount involved, \$1,000.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI HONOR MR. SPENCER

Resolutions Express Deep Regret at His Death and High Estimate of His Worth.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 24.—The executive committee of the General Alumni Association of the University of Virginia has adopted the following minutes:

The executive committee of the General Alumni Association of the University of Virginia, having heard with deep regret of the loss of their president and ex-officio member of this committee, Samuel Spencer, and recognizing in his death not simply the loss of an honored officer, but the departure of a generous and loyal friend, whose hand was ever ready to help his Alma Mater, whose head gave us sagacious and helpful counsel, and whose heart followed her history and her fortunes with unfailing affection, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Samuel Spencer the alumni of the University are called upon to mourn the untimely loss of their president and friend, and desire to put on record a tribute to his personal worth, to his powers of mind and to his noble services both to his Alma Mater and to the entire South. By his tireless energy, his honorable life, his professional enthusiasm and unswerving devotion to duty our president left an example to be commended to the admiration of all of the sons of the University, and whilst mourning his death, we appreciate his virtues and take pride in his useful and successful career, so untimely ended. That, as a testimonial of our sympathy, a copy of this paper be transmitted to the family of Mr. Spencer, be printed in the Alumni Bulletin, in the journals of Richmond, Washington and New York, and be spread upon the minutes of the Society of the Alumni.

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EMPLOYEES SHARE IN HIS PROFITS

Mr. McHarg, Who Sold Railroad at Twice Its Cost, to Reward Employees.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., December 24.—To-morrow Henry K. McHarg, president of the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, will present to every employee of the railroad company a check. Each head of a department will receive an amount equal to one year's salary, and each other employee, including clerks, station agents, trainmen, switchmen, section men, etc., will receive an amount equal to one month's salary. The total amount which Mr. McHarg will give out in this connection will be about \$50,000. This is in accordance with the custom of Mr. McHarg when he sells a property that has paid him well. He recently sold the Virginia and Southwestern Railway to the Southern Railway Company for \$2,000,000. He paid \$1,000,000 for the property.

A few years ago when Mr. McHarg sold the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway, he remembered his employees in a similar manner, having presented his general manager, John R. Newton, with a check for \$25,000. Mr. Newton is at present in charge of Mr. McHarg's properties here.

LITTLE GIRL SAVES HER BURNING SISTER

Has Presence of Mind to Pour Water on Her and Put Out the Blaze.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TWINNANT'S MILL, VA., December 24.—Mr. and Mrs. D. Tinsley's little five-year-old daughter, Helen, was badly burned Saturday evening about 4 o'clock. She went into the kitchen alone, and in some way the back of her dress took fire from the fireplace. She came out screaming "Fire!" and would have been burned to death but for the timely appearance of her ten-year-old sister, Julia, who had the presence of mind to pour a bucket of water on the child's blazing clothes.

Little Helen's clothes were burned nearly off her, and her left arm and hand and back were badly burned. She is as comfortable as could be expected at this writing.

Call Rev. R. H. Rudd.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—Epiphany Church, in Essex county, and Globe Landing Church, in Middlesex county, have united in extending a call to Rev. R. H. Rudd, of Chesterfield county, who has accepted.

SHOOTS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

H. T. Jordan Seriously Wounded. Negroes Stab White Man.

SALISBURY, N. C., December 24.—H. T. Jordan, a well known white man in this city, was shot and severely wounded Saturday night by a brother-in-law, Thomas Pool, at the home of the latter. Jordan went to the home of Pool, creating a scene over some family matters, when the latter fired upon Jordan. The load took effect in the leg and it is believed the injured man will recover. Pool was given a hearing to-day, and bound over to court.

As a result of a quarrel over a bottle of whiskey at Cleveland yesterday, Eugene Link, a well known white man of that place, was seriously cut and stabbed in the back by West Knox and Garfield Gillespie, colored. The negroes knocked the whiskey out of Link's hand and a fight followed, in which the white man was dangerously wounded. The negroes, who belong to the Gillespie family that murdered the Lyster family near Cleveland last July, have been landed in jail here.

HOLD ENGLISH GIRLS AS COURT'S WITNESSES

GREENSBORO, N. C., December 24.—United States District Judge Boyd has signed an order committing the English immigrants who are in Charlotte as witnesses in the peonage cases—into the charge of Marshal Millikan. The transfer will not be made for a few days, but the girls will be brought here before court meets January 14, when they are to testify in the conspiracy case against the Charlotte cotton-mill men. Orders from the attorney-general will decide the disposition of the cases. The girls will either be forced to give bond, pending the hearing of the case in which they are the government witnesses against the local mill men, or consigned to prison under the present regulations of the capias. It is expected that the instructions from the office of the Department of Justice will adjust this matter satisfactorily.

EXAMINATION FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

January 17th and 18th Set for Preliminary Tests—Application to Dr. Alderman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 24.—The next qualifying examination for the Rhodes scholarships in the University of Oxford will be held at the University of Virginia January 17th and 18th. The examination for the first day includes translation from Latin into English, Latin prose composition and arithmetic. Second day, translation from Greek into English, Latin grammar, Greek grammar and algebra and geometry.

This examination is not competitive, but simply qualifying, and is merely intended to give assurance that every elected scholar is up to the standard of the first examination which the university demands of all candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The Rhodes scholars will be selected from candidates who have successfully passed the qualifying examination before the end of March, and will begin their residence at Oxford next October.

Candidates must be unmarried and must be citizens of the United States. Those eligible who will pass their nineteenth birthday, but not their twenty-fifth birthday, before October 31 of this year. The attention of the candidates is especially called to the following statement in the will of Cecil Rhodes:

"In the election of a student to a scholarship regard shall be had to (1) his literary and scholastic attainments, (2) his fondness for and success in mainly outdoor sports such as cricket, football and horse racing, (3) his qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, self-reliance and (4) his exhibition during school-days of moral force and character, and of firmness to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates."

Applications should be addressed to Dr. E. A. Alderman, who is chairman of the Committee of Selection for Virginia, and should reach him not later than the night of January 16th.

Each applicant must submit a letter of introduction from the college in which he has received his training.

Waddell—Davidson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLOVER, VA., December 24.—Miss M. Louis Waddell, of Clover, was married to Mr. Thomas B. Davidson, of Loda, Miss., at St. Luke's Church, Thursday, December 24th, at 3 P. M.

The church was very artistically decorated. Promptly at the appointed hour the wedding march was played by Mrs. W. G. Morton. The bride, accompanied by her brother, W. Armistead Waddell, marched down the aisle, meeting the groom at the altar. The bride was attired in a beautiful tailor-made suit of black broadcloth, and looked prettier than usual.

After the ceremony the bride and groom repaired to the depot, where they took the train for their future home, Loda, Miss.

The attendants were: Best man, Mrs. Thomas Hawkins; ushers, Messrs. A. V. Womack, G. C. Waddell, Archer Hamlin and E. S. Martin.

Skates—Coates.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—Gus Skates and Miss Beattie Coates, daughter of Mrs. Lelia Coates, both of Richmond county, were married Wednesday at the Baptist parsonage, in that county, Rev. George M. Connolly officiating.

Latane—Cauthorne.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—Mr. A. T. Latane and Miss Emma C. Cauthorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

R. T. Cauthorne, were married last Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, at that place, Rev. Mr. Meade officiating. Miss Alice Mallory was the maid of honor and Hon. James M. Lewis, best man. Mr. Latane is the owner and editor of the Tidewater Democrat, published at Tappanhook. The couple left for an extended bridal trip, after which they will reside at Tappanhook.

Chewning—Tinder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—W. Alvin Chewning and Miss Nora Tinder, both of Orange county, were married Thursday at the residence in Orange of Rev. A. J. Harlow, who performed the ceremony. On the same day B. A. Brown and Miss Lula Skinner, both of Orange county, were married at the same place and by the same minister.

Carlson—Harrison.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Caroline Elizabeth Carlsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carlsons, of Westmoreland county, to H. H. Harrison, of Northumberland county. The ceremony will take place January 26th, at 7:30 P. M., in Carmel M. E. Church, in Westmoreland.

Lee—Sibley.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—James Walter Lee, of King George county, and Miss Lillian Maud Sibley, of Middlesex county, were married Thursday at the home of the bride's uncle, Monroe Sibley, in the latter county, Rev. Harry J. Goodwin officiating.

Kilby—Hitt.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—J. T. Kilby and Miss Della F. Hitt, both of Madison county, were married Thursday in that county, Rev. T. F. Grimley officiating.

Couple Wed in Pelham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., December 24.—Miss Mattie S. Lewis, of Kentucky, and Rawley A. Lewis, of Oak Grove, were married yesterday at Pelham, N. C. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of the county.

Steal March on Friends.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOWLING GREEN, VA., December 24.—Mr. Mervin Elliott and Miss Bessie Richardson left here yesterday evening, ostensibly to take tea with some friends, instead of taking tea, they took the train for Washington to be married. The news soon came as a great surprise, as the groom had told his friends they were going to be married Christmas.

ORGANIZE NEW BANK.

Business Men of Virginia Subscribe \$10,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
VIRGINIA, VA., December 24.—For some time past an effort has been on foot to organize another bank in this place, and to-day Saturday morning a meeting in the organization of the Planters and Miners Bank of Virginia, Va. In spite of the inclement weather, the organization meeting was well attended. H. C. Crowell was called to the chair, and the following officers were elected: W. D. Blanks, of the Planters' Bank of Clarksville, Va., president; John R. Booth, vice-president; together with M. A. Chandler, W. T. Chandler, H. C. Crowell, Peyton Puryear, John R. Hill and W. W. Wiley, will constitute the first Board of Directors. The board was authorized to make application to the State Corporation Commission for a charter, with a minimum capital of ten thousand dollars, which is fully subscribed. The election of a cashier was postponed to an adjourned meeting.

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ROBB HIS ROOM-MATE AND TAKES CLOTHES

Arrested on Train, Taken Back to Norfolk and Sent On to Grand Jury.

NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—Charged with grand larceny, Charles Bartholomew, aged twenty-one, who held for the Corporation Court this morning by Police Justice Simmons.

Early Sunday morning Bartholomew, it is alleged, went through the pockets of his room-mate, T. G. Midget, and secured something over \$5 in cash. After that, assisted by an unknown party, he carried his friend's trunk full of clothes and other articles to the Norfolk and Western railroad depot and bought a ticket for Columbus, Ohio.

Midget notified the police here, and Chief of Police Bagland, of Petersburg, was asked to look out for the train on which Bartholomew had taken flight and to hold the fugitive. Chief Bagland had no trouble in catching the man. Detective Cotton was sent for the prisoner, and brought him back here.

When Bartholomew was searched \$17 in cash and a bottle of chloroform were found on him. When asked what he uses chloroform for, he replied: "I clean my clothes with it."

TUG BOAT CAPTAIN DIES WHILE AT HIS POST

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 24.—While standing at the wheel of the tugboat Prudence, Captain William Burton, master of the tug, dropped dead. The captain had just sounded four bells directing the engineer to go back full speed. The tug then rung the engine down for the engines to be stopped. No further news coming from him, an investigation followed, and he was found lifeless in the pilot-house. Heart failure is the reported cause of his death. He had been ill for some time.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

Fred Gainey in Police Court for Alleged Attempt to Wreck Train.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 24.—Frederick J. Gainey was before the Police Court this morning on suspicion of attempting to wreck an electric train on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway. There was no evidence against the accused, and he was dismissed.

Saturday night some one placed a railroad tie across the track of the railway company, and the prompt action of the motorman prevented the derailment of the train, which was crowded with



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